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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 21025

STATE FOR AA/SA

E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: RICE FOR CAMBODIA

1. FOLLOWING WILL SAIL CONVOY DEPARTING VUNG TAU DEC 17:

HAYAN 2002 METRIC TONS U.S. RICE

BONANZA III 1641 METRIC TONS U.S. RICE

TCS 201-67 1000 METRIC TONS (EX-LUCKY STAR) K

IEAN RICE,

705 TONS U.S. RICE AND 250 TONS CSM. TUG WOLVERING TOWING.

TCS 91 TOWING BARGE 201-37 WITH ABBOTT GENERATORS.

2. BATTY TUGS WENT ON STRIKE SUNDAY DEC 16 FOR HIGHER

WAGES WHICH HAS DELAYED DEPARTURE OF BARGES 1961 AND 1962

WITH 1608 AND 1762 METRIC TONS OF KOREAN RICE RESPECTIVELY.

NEW CREWS EXPECTED ARRIVE SAIGON TUESDAY/THURSDAY.

S/S EVERGLORY AND S/S PORT SUN #1 AT SAIGON TO OBTAIN

BUNKERS. THESE TWO SHIPS WERE IN ABORTED CONVOY OF LAST

WEEK AND USED REMAINING BUNKERS TO RETURN VUNG TAU.

EVERGLORY GROUNDED AT MOUTH OF MEKONG ON RETURN TRIP DUE

LOW WATER. SAIGON PORT TUG REFLOATED SHIPS AND TOWED TO

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SAIGON.

3. WHEN NEW CREWS ARRIVE FOR BATTY TUGS AND BUNKERS
ARRANGED FOR EVERGLORY AND PORT SUN, WILL REQUEST PHNOM PENH
ARRANGE SPECIAL CONVOY TO DDEPART BUNG TAU 21/22 DEC. THIS
CONVOY WOULD CONSIST OF ABOVE VESSELS PLUS WING PENG 1800 TONS
AND MONTE CHRISTO 1800 TONS. CONSIDER ESSENTIAL THAT SPECIAL
CONVOY BE ARRANGED TO INSURE CROSSING MEKONG BAR AT HIGHEST
HIGH WATER AND TO OBTAIN TURN AROUND OF VESSELS FOR TRANSHIP-
MENT OF RICE FROM ARRIVING DEEP DRAFT SHIPS FROM U.S.

4. DELAY IN LOADING WING PENG CAUSED BY FACT THAT PL480 RICE
STOCKS SAIGON AT VERY LOW LEVEL AND ALL U.S. RICE IS COMING
OUT OF TWO WAREHOUSES IN CHOLON THUS SLOWING TRUCK LOADINGS.
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